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## "Days of Old Mantou."

The wonderful success of the production of "Days of Old Mantou," Saturday evening at the opera house, exceeded the greatest expectations of even those who had the presentation in charge, so well was it given and so enthusiastically was it received.

The piece is a college comedy with music in three acts and is the result of hard and intelligent labor by Capt. D. A. Ruebel and Miss Margaret Aull. The plot is lucid, well developed and interesting and the music is tuneful, catchy and artistically arranged. The lyrics are exceptionally good.

In addition to assuming the greater part of the stage management, Capt. Ruebel played one of the principal roles. He did this to the delight of the audience and received many hands and laughs during the play. Miss Aull had charge of the music and played the accompaniments on the piano. So much has been said of late about this young lady's ability as an accompanist that it is sufficient to state here that she fully sustained her reputation in this line.

The cast included the best of the home talent and was excellent throughout. Hubert Bates played the part of Dr. Nettleton, president of Manton. He surprised everyone with his superior ability in taking the part of an elderly gentleman. Mrs. M. D. Wilson, as Mrs. McCormick-Courtney, played opposite him, doing full justice to her part.

Miss Gladys Winn had the principal female role and went through with it in her customary charming manner. As Dotty Dimple, a freshman co-ed, she acted with grace and ease and sang sweetly. Warren Vivion was the leading man and, as he always does, read his lines like the best professionals. He was also one of the mainstays of the singing force. Mr. Vivion is a natural actor and as good as any leading juvenile that ever made Lexington.

Capt. Gentry and Miss Marcia Sellers were the principals in the main under-plot and contributed their share to the success of the entertainment.

J. W. Sydnor played the college boy well and did an extremely clever bit of impersonation. George Wallace on short notice took the part of Shorty Phillips, absolutely broke, and proved one of the big hits of the show. He even sang two songs distinctly and well. Prof. Little and Miss Winifred "Win" were the low comedy lovers and provoked many hearty laughs. Mr. Little was Shultz, the German janitor, and handled the incident perfectly. Miss Win was charming as Rosie, the maid.

Irvin Morris, as Prof. DeGuerre, had a French comedy part and handled it in fine style. Walter Reeder was a scream as Prof. Launreer, the timid pedagogue. Dr. Johnson made good as another rab-rab boy and, in the last act, a policeman.

C. C. Barnard played well Yen Yo, a Chinese cook, and sang a doleful song, which was one of the features of the evening.

Those who assisted materially in the chorus were: Mesdames Ben Gratz, Sydnor, Sturgis, Ramsey, Ardinger; Misses Pauline Sellers, Edna Stramcke, Atkinson, Campbell, Bates; Hugh Patterson, Dr. B. T. Payne.

The play was produced under the auspices of the Sterling Price chapter of U. D. C. for the purpose of aiding in a subscription to a Confederate monument. Financially as well as artistically the production was successful.

"Days of Old Mantou" was repeated at the opera house Monday with considerable success. The receipts were \$49.50 for this performance. The acting was even better than it was Saturday night, as the players were absolutely sure of their lines and the last trace of nervousness had disappeared. It is now planned to take the production to Independence in about two weeks and give a performance under the auspices of the U. D. C. of that city.

Mrs. J. P. Coen left Tuesday evening for Houston, where she will make her home in the future.

Mrs. Mary Robertson and daughters, Misses Mary and Georgia, spent Wednesday in Kansas City.

Paul V. Brockaw, after spending a few days with his wife, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. N. Wilson, returned Tuesday to St. Louis.

Miss White Lockhart, who has been ill for several days, went to her home in Wellington Tuesday. She will be unable to meet her pupils during the remainder of the week.

## Death of Miss Belle McGrath.

Mrs. F. T. Hix received a telegram late Tuesday night announcing the sudden death from heart failure of her aunt, Miss Belle McGrath of Danville, Kentucky. Miss McGrath was about 70 years old and was the last heir of the estate of Price McGrath, who was among the most prominent Kentucky turfmen.

This family has been sadly depleted by deaths within the past few years. Mrs. Hix has recently lost a brother, mother, three aunts and an uncle. Three months ago Mrs. Mary Fennell, the sister of Miss McGrath and mother of Mrs. Fred Hix, died after a protracted illness.

## Southern Cross of Honor.

Any Confederate Veteran, or, the oldest living lineal descendant of a Veteran who has not received a Cross, may secure one through the Custodian or President of a U. D. C. Chapter, under the rules governing the bestowal of these Crosses.

The time for procuring them is limited. Sterling Price Chapter, Lexington, would be pleased to communicate, without delay, with any who wish to apply for the Cross of Honor.

Address either of these ladies:

Mrs. C. T. Ryland, Custodian.

Mrs. G. W. Hyde, Pres.

Mrs. J. M. Poage, Sec.

Lexington, Mo.  
(County Papers Please Copy.)

## Accidental Shooting.

Tuesday Thomas Burnett, who lives near Myrick, was married to Miss Myrtle Miller. At the festivities Tuesday a shot gun was accidentally discharged badly injuring the left foot of Dave Burnett, a brother of the groom. Two bones in his foot were fractured and it will be some time before he can walk naturally. Only about two months ago Mr. Burnett had the misfortune of accidentally shooting himself through the right foot with a pistol.

The last of the old Pomeroy stone wall on South street has been torn down. The piece in front of the residences of Clarence Vinton and Louis Petsch was all that was left and that is being replaced by a sod slope. This old wall was one of the landmarks of the town, being older than most of the citizens. It has been the scene of many courtships, as it was an ideal place to rest for a strolling and love-lorn couple—that was in the old days when there were no electric lights and the walk was shaded with many trees. The renovation is in charge of John Ashurst.

## Speas-Pauling.

Emmett Speas of this city was married Wednesday to Miss Anna Pauling of Dover, the ceremony being performed by Rev. R. B. Briney, pastor of the local Christian church. These two young people are from families known throughout the county and both have many friends.

Concordia, Mo., March 29, 1909.

To Whom it May Concern:

It gives us great pleasure to recommend to the public Prof. Homer T. Phillips who has been Superintendent of the Concordia Public schools for the past five years, and we have seen it more than fit to increase his salary each year in order to retain his valuable services. He is an earnest, faithful worker, a thorough instructor and a true, refined, courteous gentleman and is held in high esteem by all who know him. He not only possesses the ability to impart this knowledge, as well as a disposition that will win the confidence and respect of the public at large. It therefore affords us great pleasure to heartily endorse Prof. Phillips for the office of County School Superintendent.

Very Respectfully,

George Duensing, Pres.

Julius Vogt, Jr., Clerk.

Wm. A. Brackmann, Member.

Concordia Board of Education.

Mrs. Robt. Taubman and Mrs. N. E. Baskett spent Thursday in Kansas City.

Frank Lauchner spent Thursday in Kansas City.

Miss Virginia Graves went to Kansas City Wednesday to hear the Russian orchestra.

Gordon Graham returned Thursday from Winton. Mrs. Robert Barnett came with him to visit the family of W. H. Waddell.

Miss Mary Gillespie returned to her home at Waterloo Thursday after a visit with Mrs. James T. Kinkead.

## MAYVIEW NOTES.

Mrs. T. M. Chinn and daughter, Miss Naomi, spent last Saturday in Higginsville with friends.

J. C. Cobb, founder of the Bank of Odessa, was here on business last Monday.

Mrs. Sanders, widow of the late Richard Sanders, died at her home in South Washington, March 29th, of pneumonia. She lived to the age of 75 years. Burial took place last Wednesday at Mt. Tabor cemetery.

Mrs. Plegier of Higginsville visited her son, Dave, here last Tuesday.

Mrs. Thomas Lockhart of Odessa visited with Mrs. Thos. Patterson last Tuesday.

Miss Martin of Higginsville was here last Wednesday in the interest of the Intelligencer getting subscribers. She is in the piano contest, which closes Saturday at 6 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Baxter Lankford went to Kansas City last Wednesday on a short stay with friends.

We heard a fellow say the other day that we ought to vote for County School Superintendent on the line of politics. We think that idea is not a good one. Politics should never be brought in when schools are at stake. Always vote for the best qualified man, desiring any position where schools are interested.

John Marshall and wife came in from Pontiac, Ill., last Friday for a short stay with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weed Marshall.

Miss Annie Schaechter visited with friends in Higginsville last Friday.

Mrs. Oliver Whilsett of Odessa came down last Friday to see her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Smith.

Wm. P. Keith attended the funeral of Mr. Armentrout at Corder. He was one of the pallbearers.

Thomas Marshall and family of Higbee, arrived last Saturday to visit his homefolks.

J. A. John-on, J. S. Vickers and Sam Beamer attended the funeral of Walter Hancock at Blackburn last Saturday.

O. R. Puckett of Pineville stopped over last Sunday to see his parents. He had been to St. Louis and Mexico and was on his way home.

S. M. Greene took a trip east on the C. & A. last Sunday. He thinks to some quiet spot where poets love to dwell. Toast "Ma, you live as long as you like and have what you like as long as you live."

T. M. Chinn went to Higginsville last Thursday. He came back chuck full of electric railroad. He surely came in contact with Capt. Belt who explained and told of the possibilities of an electric line or lines in our county. The plan now proposed is to connect Lexington, Odessa, Mayview and Higginsville with an outlet south from the most available point. This electric line looks good to us and would be in harmony with the farm lands of our county. If tonnage is desired, Mayview is in position to offer an unlimited amount. We have the coal and numerous commercial orchards, the dairy business is being developed, the poultry and egg trade is a big thing with us. In fact we can be great helpers in making the line pay. So we hope our people will look upon the matter favorably and be ready to help by word and action to the end of securing this electric line.

Isaac Bedal met with quite an accident last Monday. He was pulling hedge with a stump puller when the single tree broke, the sweep flew back and struck his hip and broke the bone in three places. We hope his suffering will not be great.

Horace F. Blackwell was in Kansas Thursday City on legal business.

Dr. Claude Johnson went to Kansas City Thursday.

Ruffner Smith of Kansas City spent Wednesday here.

Rev. R. B. Briney went to Kansas City Thursday.

George Zimmerman spent Thursday in Kansas City.

Mrs. Sam Walker of Higginsville spent Wednesday with relatives here.

Miss Elizabeth Graves went to Kansas City Thursday for a short stay.

Misses May and Alice B. Peak went to Kansas City Thursday to spend a few days.

Mrs. Mamie Geyer came down from Kansas City Wednesday evening to visit for a few days.

## CORDER ITEMS.

Geo. Bell visited his daughter, Miss Jessie Bell, in Warrensburg Saturday and Sunday.

Sam Wagner visited Miss Myrtle Wagner in Warrensburg last week.

Wm. Neer shipped two car loads of cattle to St. Louis market Tuesday.

Miss Ella Peeples is on the sick list this week, but is improving.

Col. Wilson drove to Higginsville Tuesday on business.

N. C. Sharp was in town on business Tuesday.

Luther Holman visited in Odessa Sunday.

Miss Folsie Slusher was in Higginsville Friday.

John Buchanan visited his mother in Sweet Springs Sunday.

C. W. Lewis and Z. T. Alcar shipped hogs to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Eva Holman spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents here.

Miss Eva O'Malley spent Sunday with her parents in Higginsville.

Lafayette Groves of Texas arrived here Saturday, where he will visit with his parents.

Mrs. M. A. Steele and family left Tuesday for Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where she intends to make her home in the future. We are sorry to lose Mrs. Steele from the community and wish her unlimited success.

Miss Juliet Chamberlain entertained a few friends after the Brobst lecture Thursday night. Those who partook of Miss Chamberlain's hospitality were: Miss Mary Marquis, Arthur Fierking and Thomas Bowman.

One of the important events of last week was a supper given by Mrs. C. L. Wilson to a few friends Saturday.

The guests consisted principally of relatives and all enjoyed the evening. Those present were: Ben Wilson, Mrs. E. S. Willis, Mrs. Walter Lunbeck and Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson.

Miss Edna Fierking, the milliner moved her shop to the building north of the American hotel last Saturday.

Miss Florence Kidd, who is teaching school near Norborne, Mo., spent Sunday in this city with her parents.

Taylor Aicar and Henry Kuddes returned home Wednesday from St. Louis, where they accompanied cattle to market.

Rev. Coob left Wednesday morning for Independence, where he will visit with friends.

C. L. Wilson was in Kansas City this week on business.

Mesdames Bettie Hackley and Robert Gaines and Miss Byrd Hackley attended the birthday dinner of Wm. Jackson at Higginsville Tuesday.

Flavius Brobst in his renowned lecture at the High school auditorium last Thursday night was a decided "hit." The house was not full, but those in attendance did not regret that they were there. The proceeds of the lecture barely covered expenses, but notwithstanding this fact we wish for more such entertainments, for we think it was a benefit to the town not only as an entertainer but as an educator.

Mrs. Wm. Groves and daughter Miss Helen, spent several days the latter part of last week in Kansas City and vicinity. They were accompanied home by Mr. Geo. Corder, of that place.

Again we are forced to announce the death of one of the communities best men, our friend and neighbor, J. Madison Armentrout, who has been in bad health for some time. Mr. Armentrout's life departed from this world on the evening of March 23rd, at the farm and home south of Corder. Funeral services were held Thursday at the Methodist church in Corder at 11 o'clock, being conducted by Rev. W. B. Cobb. Interment was at the Calvary cemetery.

Miss Annie Hughes returned home this week after having taught a term of school successfully west of Higginsville. Miss Hughes is a deserving young lady and is a credit to the community in which she lives.

## Wentworth Defeated.

Wentworth was defeated Thursday at Marshall in their second baseball game of the season by the score of 7 to 4, the Missouri Valley college team of that place turning the trick.

## Closing Notice.

The Clothing and Shoe stores will be closed at 6:30 p. m. except Saturdays and pay days from April 1st to Oct. 1st.

## Lafayette County Fair August 17-20, 1909.

A meeting of representatives of the various fairs of this circuit was held at Columbia last Saturday and the racing programs decided upon and the dates fixed definitely. The circuit will be opened at Bowling Green, August 3, the following week Columbia will have a fair, followed by Higginsville, the dates of which will be August 17, 18, 19 and 20. The speed program as arranged and later endorsed by the directors of the Lafayette County Fair is as follows:

## TROTTING.

2:35.....	\$1,000
2:25.....	1,000
2:20.....	1,000
2:14.....	500
3 yr. old.....	300
2 yr. old.....	150

## PACING.

2:30.....	\$1,000
2:20.....	1,000
2:16.....	500
2:12.....	500
Free for all.....	500
3 yr. old.....	300
2 yr. old.....	150

The board of directors held a meeting Tuesday evening and the President announced the appointment to the following committees:

Grounds and buildings: A. J. Althoff, A. J. Nolting, Geo. Scott, T. J. Miller.

Advertising: Ed. O'Brien, A. J. Althoff and Geo. Scott.

Permits and Privileges: Sam. J. Kleinschmidt, A. E. Hader, M. T. Harman.

Special attractions: L. T. Land, H. F. Campbell, M. T. Hartman, Sam J. Kleinschmidt, Dan Hoefler.

Catalogue: Dan Hoefler, Ed O'Brien, L. T. Land, Sam J. Kleinschmidt, L. L. Lake.

Subscription and Guarantee Fund: Geo. Scott, A. J. Nolting, Alfred Hoefler and Louis Thiemann.

Labor: A. J. Nolting, M. T. Hartman and Dan Hoefler.

Well and stock water: H. F. Campbell, A. H. Hader, T. J. Miller, C. F. Grau.

Water and ice: Alfred Hoefler, C. F. Grau and Louis Thiemann.

Publicity: A. A. Keith, Walter Waddell, Ike Taylor, Les Wilson and G. H. Rabius. Higginsville Advance.

## CONTEST TO CLOSE

This Afternoon at Six o'clock Voting Will Cease.

There are but a few hours left of INTELLIGENCER piano contest for young ladies outside of Lexington. At 6 o'clock sharp this afternoon the ballot boxes will be closed and immediately after supper the count will be made.

Miss Ellen Martin of Higginsville and Miss Blanche Bardet of Wellington are the two contestants who have remained throughout the race, keeping close together all the time. Both have many friends in their parts of the county and the prediction of victory for either of them would be guess work.

Today's vote will be what decides the outcome.

## Adjudged Insane.

Fred Dresselhaus of Corder was adjudged insane by the county court Thursday. Sheriff Peacock left Thursday evening with him for Nevada to place him in the asylum there. Dresselhaus was violent at times and gave the officers considerable trouble. He finally had to be bound in the belt and leather mits to prevent him from doing himself or others harm. Dresselhaus is 19 years old.

## Appointed to West Point.

Ben Hope, son of Col. Wm. Hope of Westworth Military Academy, received official notice from Washington yesterday of his appointment to West Point by Senator William J. Stone. The entrance examination will be given him in January, 1910. The many friends of the young man will be pleased to learn of his good fortune. It is an honor which the young man deserves as he has exemplary habits, is industrious and a diligent student.

## Base Ball.

The Lexington fans will be given an opportunity this afternoon to see the cadets perform against the Central High school team of Kansas City. This will be the third game on the cadets' schedule and should be a hummer. The game will be called at 2:45. Academy campus. Admission 25 cents.

## Kathryn Osterman Scores.

No better production has ever been seen in the local opera house than "The Night of the Play," which was produced by Kathryn Osterman and her company Thursday evening. It was one of the events of the day which was not an April fool stunt. From start to finish it was great. There was not the slightest let up of interest while the curtain was up.

Manager Baekker was very fortunate in getting this company on an off date and by it he made a big hit with the Lexington public. Ordinarily a good company in a tank town cuts the performance and eliminates ginger; but this time the players gave us the best they had and it was appreciated.

The play itself is a nice, clean little comedy with opportunity for every member of the cast—an adaptation from the German of Rosen by Augustin Daly. It contains plenty of ludicrous scenes and mirth-provoking complications.

The company was almost an all-star combination. The women were vivacious and the men natural. It was pleasing to look over the footlights at a bunch of men who had their hair cut.

Kathryn Osterman, of course, was the best member of the cast. The advance notices about her were true, and if her name is on the program in heavy type and she gets the center of the stage most of the time she deserves it. Her gold gown is only incidental to her cleverness. In her line of comedy work she can not be excelled.

It would be hard to pick out the second best member of the cast. Miss Sada Wertheim, Miss Osterman's niece, was the daintiest sort of ingenuous and acted most acceptably.

In addition to this, however, she played a violin solo with two encores that brought down the house. She is far above the average concert violinist in respect to dexterity and tone work. Her playing of Schumann's Trauereil, which she used as her first encore, was as artistic as could be. The fact that, in spite of her inadequate accompaniment, she was forced to give two encores speaks for itself.

Misses Edythe Ryley, Elizabeth DeWitt and Belle Theodore were excellent in the other female roles.

Among the men Edgar Post and Wm. A. Williams played the ardent lovers in fine style, the latter being especially good in his scenes with Miss Osterman. C. L. Worthington was all that could be asked as the blustering old man, Guy Sampel was delightful as the young fool and Gavin Harris made a fine husband for the star.

## The Bradley Sale.

The sale at the Bradley stock farm last Tuesday was highly successful from every standpoint. A large and good natured crowd was present, the cattle brought good prices and a fine lunch was served on the grounds.

The property sold was that of J. C. Salyer and the estate of Miss Mary C. Bradley in charge of Jackson Bradley, administrator. A fine lot of cattle was the main feature of the sale. Col. Jas. W. Sparks of Marshall and Col. John Logsdon of Blackburn were the auctioneers and C. L. Glasscock of Lexington was clerk. This combination assured success.

The cattle ranged in price from \$22.50 to \$105, which Bob Barnett paid for Katie Kenilworth, a fine cow. Silk Coat, the bull of the herd went to J. C. Salyer for \$90.00. Mr. Salyer bought also a good many other animals and proved the most extensive bidder of the day. P. H. Larkin, Thad Corder, August Ritter, J. M. Hackley, W. T. Starke, W. S. Trent, Florney Graves, W. P. Aull, Miss Mattie Bradley and Leo Thiemann were among the other successful bidders.

Lofton White of Hebrer, Ark., arrived Thursday evening for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Ella White.

Miss Carrie Barnett returned yesterday evening from a brief visit in Marshall.

Miss Georgia Gilkeson went to Higginsville yesterday morning for a short visit.

W. J. Rowe went to Kansas City Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Ada Carter visited in Higginsville Wednesday.

W. R. VanAnglen spent Wednesday in Kansas City.

Miss Estelle Wilker returned Tuesday from a short stay in Kansas City.